

## The Times' Daily Short Story.

## THE KID

(Original.)

I was walking on the street with Dick Norval, a young friend of mine of twenty. A girl with her skirts at the tops of her boots passed us and bowed to Dick, her face lighting up with a smile.

"I had to take that kid," said Dick, "home from church last night. Her father stayed to help count the contribution."

There was something in the sweet smile that the girl gave him to make me feel as if I would like to punch his head. Still, I was very fond of him, though he was very "kiddish" himself.

"Who is she?" I asked.

"Grace Lincoln."

Eleven years passed. Dick Norval had spent the greater part of the period out of my life, then came back into it again. He was dining with me one evening, and I asked him why he had not married. We were over our coffee and cigars at the time. Dick blew a smoke ring and looked through it in a melancholy way into vacancy.

"Had a disappointment?" I asked.

"Tell me about it."

"I don't mind," he said and gave me the story.

"A good many years ago, before I left this region, I used to know a very young girl of the name of Grace Lincoln."

I had not thought of "the kid" for years, but I remembered her and pricked up my ears.

"When I first knew her I was twenty and she was scarcely fifteen and altogether too young for me. She went away to school and to college and when she came back was twenty-three, while I was twenty-eight. There was a lot of difference in her, though not a great deal in me. In one respect I remained precisely the same. I still considered a girl from twenty to twenty-five about the right age for me. I was thrown a great deal with Grace Lincoln, and we became fast friends. Her father had grown very rich, and she could have shone in society, but she preferred to devote herself to an object. She undertook the dispensation of the amount her father set aside each year for charity, and, since she investigated every case thoroughly, the work took all her time. Society tried hard to get hold of her, but she said she had no time to give to it. She was a very intellectual girl, and I was never better entertained than when in her company.

"As years went on I grew more and more desirous of home life and comfort, and in thinking of a woman to preside over my household, be my life companion and all that I was not long

in coming to the conclusion that the only woman I wanted was Grace Lincoln. If I couldn't get her, home life could not be for me. The more my mind dwelt on this view of the question the more attractive it became to me. I suppose I had loved the girl for some time without knowing it. Had any man stepped in between her and me I should have known it at once. But something else than a man had come to keep us apart.

"After beating about for a time without getting any encouragement I finally determined to tell her what I had on my mind anyway. She listened to what I had to say without appearing to be in the least moved by it, then told me that she had determined to devote her life to the work in which she was engaged. I replied that she must have given her heart to some one she had lost, whereupon she admitted that she had and would tell me about it.

"When I was between fourteen and fifteen," she said, "I met a young man of twenty who captivated my unsophisticated little heart completely. I remember one night at church he saw me home, and I was the most delighted girl in the world. I ran in to my mother and exclaimed that I had had a grownup young man to see me home. "But the grownup young man evidently was oblivious to having caught me. At any rate, he didn't want me. I was not much of a conquest for him, for I was but little more than a child. He never paid me any attention, and when I was thrown with him, though I exerted myself to entertain him, he always seemed bored. I went away to school, and he had largely passed away from me. If he had reciprocated doubtless I should now be a wife and mother, taking care of my own children instead of those who need me in much larger numbers. As it is, I am in love with my work and shall never marry."

"And who," I asked, "is this stupid man, this natural born fool, this dribbling idiot, who permitted your heart, when young and tender to slip through his unappreciative fingers?"

"She looked up with a smile and replied: "You."

"It was some moments before I could understand that she really referred to me, but when I did I wanted to hire a strong man with a cudgel to belabor me for an hour every day that I might have some satisfaction upon the person who had so blunderingly lost me the woman I wanted."

He blew another smoke ring, sighed, slipped his coffee and turned the subject.

I considered this romance my own as well as Dick Norval's. I laid my plans to capture Miss Lincoln for him and eventually succeeded. How I did it is another story.

ALBERT MAYNE MURRAY.

## VARDAMAN'S LATEST.

Reply to News of a Courtesy by the President.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 28.—Gov. Vardaman received a telegram today from President Francis, of the World's Fair, stating that President Roosevelt had visited and admired the Mississippi building and had expressed great satisfaction that Mississippi had participated. To this Gov. Vardaman replied:

"Your courteous message informing me that the President saw and admired the Mississippi building and expressed gratification at the state's participation in the fair has been received. I thank

you for this information. It is, of course, gratifying to the people of Mississippi to know that they have done one thing that the President of the United States approves. Doubtless the President's admiration of the Mississippi building is due to his admiration of Jefferson Davis, of whose last home it is a replica."

The governor then congratulated Mr. Francis on the success of the fair.

## SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

The Association in This State Reorganizing.

Burlington, Nov. 29.—A meeting for the purpose of the reorganization of Camp Capt. C. M. Brownell, S. A. W. V., will be held at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening at the office of Brownell & Burnham, which all veterans of the Spanish war are requested to attend. The several veteran associations formed after the close of this war have consolidated under the name "United Spanish War Veterans" and have become very active throughout the country. The department in this state is being reorganized and there is much interest in the reports from different towns above. In a short time it will consist of camps in Bennington, Rutland, St. Albans, Brattleboro, St. Johnsbury, Barre and this city. It is expected that several more will be organized and that a department encampment will be held this winter.

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## ASSOCIATION FOOT BALL

## Gradually Forging Ahead in This Country.

## CLUBS ARE INCREASING.

In New York 10,000 Persons Witnessed Game on Election Day — Contests of the Game.

New York, Nov. 28.—Association football in a quiet and unobtrusive way is gradually forging ahead in New York. There are a number of clubs which play the game, in the immediate vicinity of the city, and their matches are always followed by interested crowds of spectators. At Prospect Park on election day between 7,500 and 10,000 persons witnessed the game played there between the Brooklyn Football Club and the Fraternals A. C., while every Saturday large crowds watch the games of the former club.

It would be a peculiar fact if the game did not attract considerable attention in this country, for in England, Scotland and Ireland, it has supplanted all other winter sports in popularity, its inherent merits being recognized by enormous crowds which witness the matches contested every Saturday throughout the country. As many as 100,000 spectators have attended a championship match, while 10,000 is considered an ordinary crowd at a game.

In fact, the football craze is so prevalent now in England that the large manufacturers are casting about for means to check it. In the north of England it is not an infrequent for several factories to be closed on the day of a big game. The men simply will not go to work when an important match is on, and the factory has no remedy for it. Leading magazine in England thus describes the conditions which exist in respect to the game:

"Large employers of labor in Yorkshire, in Lancashire, in Durham and in Northumberland, as well as in the Midlands, have been obliged to yield to the rush of the tide and are now powerless to command the interests of business against those of football. Events such as the launching of a ship or the completion of an important order within contract time, have frequently been delayed by the coincidence of a 'cup tie.' Large establishments are frequently closed in midweek because the whole body of workmen take it into their heads that their pets on the football grounds require encouragement. If these men were ordinary hewers of wood or drawers of water, a remedy might be found, but they are chiefly skilled laborers—earning good wages—who never need be out of work, and who, if turned off, would be eagerly snapped up by a rival."

While it is not to be desired that any such state of things as this should prevail in the United States, the game undoubtedly deserves a greater share of popularity than it has obtained. It has much to recommend it, as might be inferred from the enthusiasm exhibited over it by the Briton, and it can be played when the hard ground makes Rugby impossible.

Extreme physical strength is unnecessary, while quickness of mind and limb are the sine qua non of success. The constant action, the constant possibilities for brilliant runs and the possibilities of simple combination are great attractions for the spectator. The technical rules are of course entirely different from the intercollegiate game, and even the goal posts are not the same size or height. Accidents are rare, as only charging with the body is permitted. By expert intercollegiate players it has been admitted to be a scientific and exciting game, combining hard exercise with chance for skill and judgment.

In New York the popularity of the game has suffered from the effects of a boom, premature and ill advised. The boom consisted in the formation of a professional league, which attempted to force the pastime into public favor by presenting its worst side. Even if well managed the attempt would have been fruitless, and will be so until the rising generation spontaneously show their appreciation of the game. As a result, the general public was disappointed and thought, perhaps, less of the game than before.

The rules of the game are framed to prevent accidents, and it is seldom that a player receives a serious injury. The team comprises eleven players, arranged as five forwards, three half backs, two full backs and a goal keeper. The goal keeper is the only man allowed to handle the ball, and this he can only do in defence of the goal. He can hit, throw it or kick it at pleasure, but is not allowed to carry it.

The full backs are selected for their good kicking qualities and assist the goal keeper in defending their territory.

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tory. They are usually heavy men, and in addition to being good kickers should be firm on their feet. In advance of the full backs are the half backs—right, centre and left—and theirs is a most important duty. They have to be most unselfish players, for no sooner do they receive the ball than it is their duty to pass it along to the forwards. They have to keep a vigilant watch on the players in front of them, for it is a most essential part of the play to pass the ball to the forward who has the most advantageous position for a long "dribble," as the action of carrying the ball along with their feet without kicking it too far in front is called.

The forwards are divided into two "right wings," as the players on the right of the field are called, and two "left wings," as those on the left are designated, with a "centre" between the wings. The right wings are called "outside right" and "inside right," and play in combination between themselves and the centre. It is important that they kick well with the right foot. The left wings are divided in the same way, and have the same combination, but it is important that they should kick well with the left foot.

There are certain technicalities in the game, such as the "off-side" rule, "penalty kick," and so forth, which is not absolutely necessary for the spectator to understand in order to enjoy seeing a game. It is easily recognized that the players are endeavoring to kick the ball between the goal posts and under the cross bar, and as this is the only point scored in the game, there is no difficulty in calculating which side leads.

The game can be played on a field from 100 to 200 yards long by 50 to 100 wide. The goal posts are 8 feet high and distant from one another 8 feet, with a cross bar on top. The game begins by a kick from the centre of the field in the direction of the opposite goal line. The time of play is usually two halves of 45 minutes, but this can be changed to 30 or even 20 minutes at will. Lines are drawn on each side of the field, and when the ball passes over these it is said to be "in touch" and out of play. One of the players of the side which did not put it "in touch" throws the ball out, when it is immediately in play again. The man who throws the ball in cannot play it until it has been played by another player. The referee decides all questions which may come up, and his decision is final. He has the power to award a free kick in any case where he thinks the conduct of a player dangerous or likely to prove dangerous.

The game can be played all through the winter, in all kinds of weather, by old and young, heavy and light, strong and weak. No course of training is necessary, yet the science brought to bear in "dribbling" and passing is apparent. The game is a pleasurable exercise, where there is no occasion to lose one's temper and self-control. An exhibition of pugilistic tendencies would be immediately punished by the referee, but it is seldom that he is called upon to suppress anything of the kind. A visiting team is generally treated as an honored guest, and after the game treated hospitably, whether victorious or vanquished.

## STAGE EPIGRAMS.

Nothing droll, nothing whimsical will endure.—Emerson.

Anything artistically beautiful cannot exist without truth.—Schopenhauer.

The art of the actor is midway between the plastic and poetic arts.—Lessing.

Sometimes the wit of a scene lies in a shoulder belt and sometimes in a pair of whiskers.—Addison.

A play in order that it may be effective must concern itself with physics and not with metaphysics.—William Winter.

Whatever is dignified, noble and grand in human nature admits only of serious and earnest representation.—Schlegel.

Criticism, it is said, stifles genius. I flatter myself I have received from it something very nearly akin to genius.—Lessing.

## GOTHAM'S SUBWAY.

Swift New York, accustomed to the "L," has already condemned the subway. It talks now about the "tube trains."—Boston Herald.

The "subway headache" is in vogue in New York. It is distinguished from some other kinds by occurring the same day instead of the morning after.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

After some days of unbounded joy over the new subway New York is now beginning to find fault with it. A New Yorker wouldn't be satisfied with heaven; but, perhaps, after all, that won't make much difference.—Boston Globe.

## GOWN GOSSIP.

Dahlia shades are in high favor. Brilliant tulle is a preferred tint for outdoor costumes.

Dend roses are conspicuous in floral garniture for hats.

Guipure lace embroidered with chenille is a modish decoration.

Leather in all shades of tan from chocolate to amber figures largely as trimming this autumn.

Leather, soft and pliable, is used for vests for long coats as well as for belts, pipings and facings to collars, revers and cuffs.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## Kaiser's Wedding Gift to His Son.

Emperor William of Germany has informed the crown prince and his betrothed, the Duchess Cecilia, that he intends presenting them with the picturesque country seat of Babelsberg, near Potsdam, as their future summer residence, says the Berlin correspondent of the London Standard. In this charming castle the late Empress Frederick spent many happy hours. Indeed, her late majesty furnished the rooms in its upper story in imitation of those at Balmoral. Various alterations are already being made in the castle, including the addition of a new wing, containing a dining hall capable of seating 150 guests, and stabling for sixty horses. The whole is to be ready for use in 1906.



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